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**TRANSMITTAL**

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment.

While no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized as necessary to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 13, 2001 (the three-month response date for which is May 13, 2001), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please cancel claim 2 and please amend claims 1, 3 to 5, 12 and 13 as follows:

1. (Amended) A device for contacting an electrically operated apparatus, comprising:  
at least one terminal contact on a side of the apparatus, the at least one terminal contact being oriented parallel to an installation direction of the apparatus; and  
a plug for connecting axially to the at least one terminal contact, the plug including at least one sleeve contact, the at least one sleeve contact and the at least one terminal contact being adapted to be assembled together parallel to the installation direction, wherein the at least one sleeve contact includes two concentric sleeve contacts and wherein the at least one terminal contact including two concentric terminal contacts, the two sleeve contacts connecting to the two terminal contacts.

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